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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b), AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(b), since it is being filed within three months of the filing of this application, and before receipt of the first Office action.

The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form 1449 is as follows:

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According to the disclosure of this patent, the hydraulic block (1) includes a piston(18) which is movable in relation to the wall of a cylindrical opening of an accumulator. The aforesaid wall is formed by the wall of a bore (14) in the hydraulic block. The cover (20) closing off the accumulator is inseparably connected to the hydraulic block, preferably by caulking or clinching. The cover and/or piston are formed cup-shaped from sheet metal or plastic, and at least the piston on its side wall has an encircling groove for a seal (21).

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In this patent, valve elements (1, 1') are arranged in several valve reception bores of the housing block (3). The bores are arranged in two rows. Several pressure medium bores (4), connecting the valve elements to each other, are arranged between the two diametrically aligned valve rows (x, y). Reception bores (7, 8) having the pressure generating element (5) and the drive element (6) are provided. Further reception bores aligned axis parallel to each other, open out in to the valve reception body (3) are provided. The reception bore (7) with the pressure generating element (5) is arranged in parallel with the two rows of valves.

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According to the teachings of this patent, a hydraulic regulator is inserted in the brake line (4) between the master braking cylinder (1), coupled to the brake pedal (2) and a wheel braking cylinder (5). It incorporates a valve (20) providing the

anti-locking braking regulation, and a damping chamber (8) communicating with the brake line (4) between the master braking cylinder (1) and the valve (20). The damping chamber (8) is provided by a blind bore (9) in a housing block (7), receiving a throttle insert (11), which is held in place by the valve (20) fitted to the housing block (7).

Examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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